

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An aromatic dicarboxylic acid composition, essentially consisting of

(a) at least one aromatic dicarboxylic acid,

(b) 1-3000 ppm of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of 6-formyl-2-naphthoic acid, 6-methoxycarbonyl-2-naphthoic acid and trimellitic acid

(c) 1-1000 ppm of at least one alkali metal and

(d) 0-3000 ppm of at least one transition metal.

2. The composition of claim 1, which comprises 1-3000 ppm of at least one transition metal.

3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkali metal is selected from the group consisting of sodium and potassium.

4. The composition of claim 2, wherein the transition metal is selected from the group consisting of cobalt and manganese

5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the alkali metal is present in the form of an alkali metal salt selected from the group consisting of sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate, nitrate, carboxylate and haloid.

6. The composition of claim 2, wherein the transition metal is present in the form of a transition metal salt selected from the group consisting of sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate, nitrate, carboxylate and haloid.